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Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2003, the term for response to which expires on April 22, 2003, please amend the present application under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116 as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 2, 6-8 and 13-17 without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 10 and 12 as follows (see the attachment for details of the amendment):

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